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Council President Announces Changes to District Staff

SAN DIEGO -- Council President Scott Peters today announced several changes to his District One office staff.

Chief of Staff **Elizabeth Kinsley** has accepted a position as Chief of Staff to San Diego State University President Stephen Weber, beginning August 25. As Chief of Staff, Kinsley will serve as the primary liaison for the university president with a variety of internal and external constituencies. Council President Peters hired Kinsley in 2003 as his representative to the community of La Jolla. She quickly proved herself as a leader within the office and was named Chief of Staff in 2005. A resident of Carmel Valley, Kinsley holds degrees from the University of Richmond and the University of San Diego School of Law.

"Betsy Kinsley has a unique combination of policy skills and people skills, and is one of the hardest working people at City Hall," Peters said. "It has been a pleasure to work with her these past five years. She has helped invent the Office of the Council President under the Mayor/Council form of government and has set a standard for how the president's office interacts with the offices of other Councilmembers, the Mayor and the public. I will miss her personally, and the City will miss her. I know she will bring unique dedication and vision to the office of President Weber."

Peters named **MaryAnne Pintar** Chief of Staff effective September 2. Pintar managed Peters' campaign for City Attorney in 2008 and served as Communications Director and Chief of Staff to former San Diego Mayor Susan Golding. In the years between, Pintar worked as a consultant to several city-wide campaigns, including the Strong Mayor/Council form of government, and Mayor Sanders' Reform Initiatives.

Senior Policy Analyst **Christina Cameron** accepted a position as an Associate with the law firm Stutz Artiano Shinoff & Holtz beginning July 30. Previously Chief of Staff for Councilman Peters, Cameron enrolled at California Western School of Law in 2004 at his urging, graduating and passing the California State Bar in 2008. Cameron leaves the City after a 20 year career in

municipal legislative government, working for Council President Peters, Mayor Maureen O'Connor and Councilmember Harry Mathis.

Policy Analyst and Council Representative **Madeleine Baudoin** will join BIOCOM as Associate Director of Public Policy on July 30. This position builds on Baudoin's work for Council President Peters on policy issues related to the life sciences industry. In her role representing Peters, Baudoin worked with members of the biotechnology and high technology community initiating a number of new transportation projects that will improve traffic flow and reduce commute times for thousands of San Diegans. This includes the widening of Genesee Avenue and La Jolla Village Drive, the expansion of MTS bus service, the Super Loop circulator which will serve University City, and congestion-relief and commuter lane projects.

Nathan Batchelder was promoted to Council Representative, working in the communities of Torrey Hills and Rancho Peñasquitos. He previously served as Peters' primary constituent outreach representative and liaison to the Senior Affairs Advisory Board. Prior to his work for Council President Peters, Batchelder worked as an intern for State Assemblymember Lori Saldaña. He received his Bachelor of Arts in History with an emphasis in Politics at California State University San Marcos.

Peters hired **Jacob O'Neill** as Constituent Services Representative. He also represents Peters in the community of University City and serves as military liaison. A recent graduate of CSU San Marcos with a degree in Political Science, O'Neill comes to the office with a background in customer service and a desire to serve the community.

Council President Scott Peters serves the residents the First District. Elected in 2000 and reelected in 2004, Peters served as a California Coastal Commissioner before his Council colleagues elected him Council President in 2005, and again in 2006 and 2007. Peters leaves office due to term limits this December.

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